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<u>DATES</u>	<u>DAYS</u>	<u>SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETING DATES</u> <u>PLACE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>AGENDA ITEMS DUE</u>
April 2-6, 1984	Monday/Friday	3523 N. Ten Mile Drive Jefferson City, Missouri	8:30 a.m.	March 12, 1984
May 23-24, 1984	Wednesday/ Thursday	University Plaza 333 Sherman Parkway Springfield, Missouri	9:00 a.m.	May 2, 1984
June 13-15, 1984	Wednesday/ Friday	3523 N. Ten Mile Dr. Jefferson City, Missouri	8:30 a.m.	May 23, 1984

Regular Board Meetings are held at the Division of Professional Registration, 3523 North Ten Mile Drive, Jefferson City, Missouri, beginning at 8:30 a.m. each day unless otherwise designated. Meetings are open to the public except for discussion of licensure disciplinary problems. A Public Agenda is published for each meeting.

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RENEWAL NOTICES FOR R.N.'S WERE MAILED ON MARCH 5, 1984. RENEWAL NOTICES FOR LPN'S SHOULD BE MAILED AT THE END OF MARCH. IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE YOUR RENEWAL, PLEASE CONTACT THIS OFFICE.

FROM MARY SUE HAMILTON, R.N., M.S.N.

On January 25, 1984, I submitted and the Board accepted my resignation as Executive Director of the Missouri State Board of Nursing. February 29, 1984, was my last day with the State Board of Nursing Office.

I wish to thank each of you for the assistance and support which you have rendered to me and to the Board during the past 3 1/2 years; I shall always value the friendships which I have gained.

I have accepted a position with the Missouri Professional Liability Insurance Association and look forward to working with many of you involved with hospitals in my new capacity.

*Mary Sue Hamilton, R.N.*

#### RULES AND REGULATIONS

4 CSR 200-4.010 Fees This rule changes the fee for R.N. examination from \$40.00 to \$15.00, and the fee for P.N. examination from \$25.00 to \$10.00. The Order of Rulemaking was published in the Missouri Register on March 1, 1984, and will become effective March 11, 1984.

#### ANNUAL REPORT

The following information is taken from the Annual Report of the Missouri State Board of Nursing for Fiscal Year July 1, 1982 to June 30, 1983.

##### SECTION I - BOARD ACTIVITIES

1. The members of the Board of Nursing met at four (4) regularly scheduled meetings during fiscal year July 1, 1982 to June 30, 1983:

July 6-9, 1982	4 days
October 4-8, 1982	5 days
January 17-21, 1983	5 days
April 25-29, 1983	5 days

Total 19 days

2. The Board met two (2) days for review of professional and practical test items.
3. The Board distributed 8,002 copies of the Nursing Practice Act, Chapter 335, RSMo, to schools, hospitals, nursing homes, organizations, individuals and candidates writing examinations.
4. The Board distributed 159 copies of Minimum Standards for Accredited Programs of Professional Nursing and 85 copies of Minimum Standards for Accredited Programs of Practical Nursing.
5. The Board received and responded to 27,539 items of correspondence, not including the 59,265 renewals, most of which were handled by the Cash Receiving Room. Approximately 35% of these renewals were processed by the Board.
6. The Board mailed a Newsletter to 1155 agencies and individuals four times during the year.
7. The Board mailed 1867 professional nurse applications by endorsement and 568 practical nurse applications by endorsement.
8. The Board rendered consultative services to 72 established nursing programs and 2 proposed nursing programs on a continuous basis throughout the year. The Board made 17 survey visits to schools and surveyed 77 clinical facilities in response to school requests.
9. At regularly scheduled meetings, the Board reviewed complaints filed against nurses, reviewed applications for examination and interstate licensure and held disciplinary hearings. The following is a summary of activity for the previous fiscal years including fiscal year 1982-83.

Description	6/30/79	6/30/80	6/30/81	6/30/82	6/30/83
Complaints filed with Board and Investigated	**	**	69	76	101
Nurses referred to AHC	25	32	31	50	55
Imposters referred to P.A.	1	1	2	7	1
Applicants denied licensure	14	4	6	16	19
Disciplinary Hearings Held	7	6	4	38	40
Licenses Revoked	3	0	2	12	22
Licenses Suspended	2	2	0	7	3
Licenses on Probation	2	3	0	16	13
No Action (Hearings)	**	**	1	2	0
Letter of Censure	**	**	**	1	2
Letter of Reprimand	**	1	1	0	0
Removed from Suspension	0	1	0	0	0
Removed from Probation	2	1	6	5	3
Voluntary Surrender	0	0	0	3	1
Refused Renewal of License	**	**	**	3	9

\*\*Statistics not available



# SECTION II - LICENSURE STATISTICS

Licenses issued by:	6/30/79		6/30/80		6/30/81		6/30/82		6/30/83	
	R.N.	L.P.N.	R.N.	L.P.N.	R.N.	L.P.N.	R.N.	L.P.N.	R.N.	L.P.N.
Examination	2,006	1,025	1,904	983	1,919	948	1,896	1,095	1,889*	1,131*
Endorsement	1,417	424	1,428	462	1,353	402	1,381	463	1,647*	573*
Renewal	<u>30,178</u>	<u>13,761</u>	<u>32,881</u>	<u>14,825</u>	<u>34,784</u>	<u>15,929</u>	<u>37,018</u>	<u>16,391</u>	<u>38,702</u>	<u>16,461</u>
Totals	33,601	15,210	36,213	16,270	38,056	17,279	40,295	17,949	42,238	18,165

\*Because of the change in renewal period, 1100 of the R.N. licenses issued during FY 82-83, were actually 83-84 licenses and 417 of the P.N. licenses issued were 83-84 licenses.

Nurses originally licensed in Missouri, endorsed to other states & countries	2,638	528	2,000	566	2,040	578	1,856	610	1,644	506
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## Examinations Administered - Professional

Dates of Exam	Total Number Candidates Writing	# Passed	%	# Failed	%
July 13-14, 1982	1,478	1,365	92%	113	8%
Feb. 1-2, 1983	<u>630</u>	<u>524</u>	<u>84%</u>	<u>106</u>	<u>16%</u>
Totals	2,108	1,889	89%	219	11%

## Examinations Administered - Practical

Dates of Exam	Total Number Candidates Writing	# Passed	%	# Failed	%
Oct. 19, 1982	916	878	96%	38	4%
April 19, 1983	<u>272</u>	<u>253</u>	<u>93%</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>7%</u>
Totals	1,188	1,131	95%	57	5%

# SECTION III - SCHOOL STATISTICS

Activity	6/30/79			6/30/80			6/30/81			6/30/82			6/30/83		
	BB	DI	AD	BB	DI	AD	BB	DI	AD	BB	DI	AD	BB	DI	AD
Students Admitted	411	963	850	458	877	887	565	935	951	706	1061	917	586	1058	1113
Total Enrollment	1576	3003	1972	1823	2810	1936	1763	2137	1470	1950	2122	1493	1795	2216	1676
Students Graduating	405	780	676	439	756	635	480	655	640	414	708	564	519	625	700

(BB - Basic Baccalaureate

DI = Diploma

AD = Associate Degree)

## Practical Programs

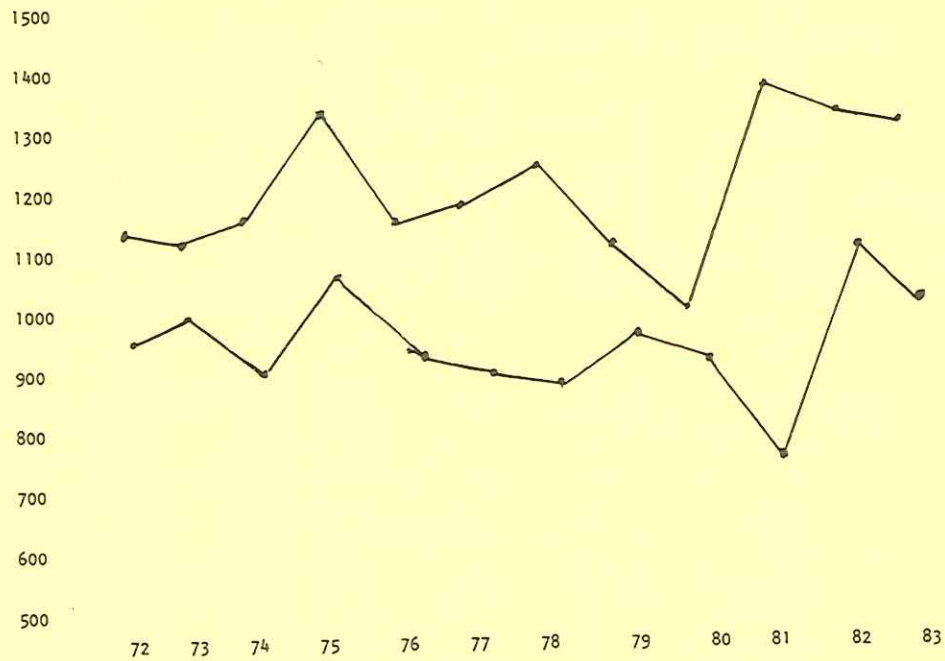
Students Admitted†	1,121	1,050	1,326	1,368	1,363
Total Enrollment	2,281	2,273	1,029	1,272*	1,218**
Students Graduated	936	923	755	1,078	1,059

\*As of 10/15/82

\*\*As of 10/15/83

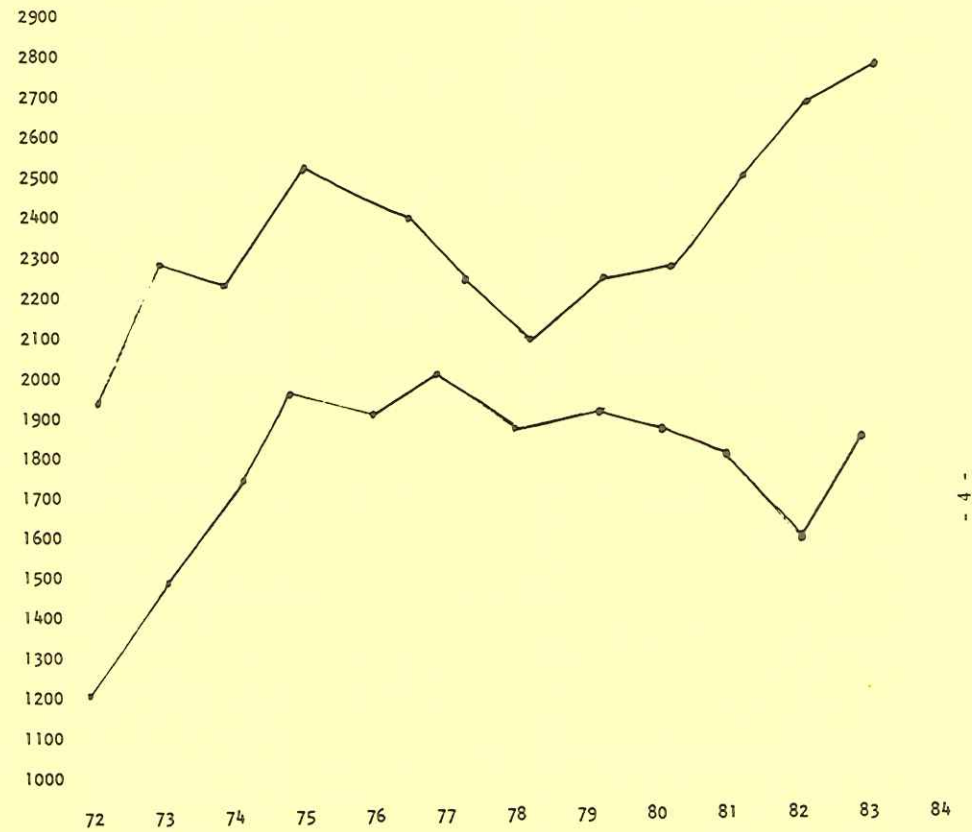
†Includes readmissions and transfers

Top Line - STUDENTS ADMITTED - PRACTICAL PROGRAMS  
Bottom Line - STUDENTS GRADUATED - PRACTICAL PROGRAMS



All years shown are June 30 fiscal years.

Top Line - STUDENTS ADMITTED - PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS  
Bottom Line - STUDENTS GRADUATED - PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS



All years shown are June 30 fiscal years

PROFESSIONAL AND PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAMS IN MISSOURI

(1) Baccalaureate Nursing Programs (four academic years in length)	
Number of Programs on July 1, 1982.....	8
Closed.....	0
New Programs.....	1
a. Northwest Missouri State University	
Maryville, Missouri PROPOSAL APPROVED August 4, 1981	
No students enrolled as of June 30, 1983	
Total Baccalaureate Programs on June 30, 1983	9
(2) Hospital Diploma Nursing Programs (20-33 months in length)	
Number of Programs on July 1, 1982.....	10
Closed.....	0
New Programs.....	0
Total Diploma Programs on June 30, 1983	10
(3) Associate Degree Nursing Programs (4-5 Semesters in length)	
Number of Programs on July 1, 1982.....	19
Closed.....	0
New Programs.....	1
a. Southwest Missouri State University	
West Plains Campus	
West Plains, Missouri PROPOSAL APPROVED July, 1982	
No students enrolled as of June 30, 1983.	
Total Associate Degree Programs on June 30, 1983	20
(4) Practical Nursing Schools (one year in length)	
Number of Programs on July 1, 1982.....	34
Closed.....	0
New Programs.....	0
Total Practical Nursing Programs on June 30, 1983	34

BOARD ACTION - JANUARY 24-27, 1984

Name of School	Request	Decision
<u>Barnes Hospital</u> <u>St. Louis, Mo.</u>	Report of 5-year accreditation survey visit and clinical facilities reviewed.	Approved
	St. Louis Children's Hospital	Approved for use as clinical facility.
<u>Central Missouri State Univ.</u> <u>Warrensburg, Mo.</u>	Request to change nursing courses from quarters to semesters.	Approved.
<u>Deaconess College of Nursing</u> <u>St. Louis, Mo.</u>	Report of 5-year accreditation survey visit and clinical facilities reviewed.	Approved, with school to respond in timely fashion to identified criteria not met.
	Deaconess Manor	Approved for use as clinical facility.
	Consolidated Services.	Approved for use as ambulatory setting.
	Request approval of revised curriculum plan and level objectives.	Approved
<u>East Central Junior College</u> <u>Union, Mo.</u>	Proposal to allow LPN's to challenge Fundamentals of Nursing reviewed.	Approved.
<u>Jefferson College</u> <u>Hillsboro, Mo.</u>	Report of 5-year accreditation survey visit and clinical facilities reviewed.	Approved, with recommendations.
	Curriculum changes.	Approved.
<u>Jewish Hospital School of Nursing</u> <u>St. Louis, Mo.</u>	Report of 5-year accreditation survey visit and clinical facilities reviewed.	Approved.
	V.I.P. Center.	Approved for use as ambulatory setting.



<u>Lutheran Medical Center St. Louis, Mo.</u>	Report of 5-year accreditation survey visit and clinical facilities reviewed.	Approved.
	Request use of following as ambulatory settings:	Approved
	(a) Family Care Center of Carondelet for Maternal-Gynecological Nursing	
	(b) Family Care Center of Carondelet for Methods of Delivery of Health Care	
	(c) RITE Hall	
	(d) Resurrection Senior Citizens Center	
	(e) Five Churches Senior Citizens Center	
	(f) Bevo Community Health Center	
<u>Missouri Baptist Hospital St. Louis, Mo.</u>	Report of 5-year accreditation survey visit and clinical facilities reviewed.	Approved.
<u>Missouri Southern College Joplin, Mo.</u>	Report of 5-year accreditation survey visit and clinical facilities reviewed.	Approved.
<u>Moberly Area Jr. College Moberly, Mo.</u>	Letter of intent to develop a career ladder program reviewed.	No action necessary.
<u>Mineral Area College Flat River, Mo.</u>	Request to admit one student above allotted number, one-time only.	Approved, one time only.
<u>Northeast Mo. State Univ. Kirksville, Mo.</u>	Request use of Chariton Valley as a clinical facility.	Approved.
<u>Penn Valley Community College Kansas City, Mo.</u>	Request tentative approval of Park Lane Medical Center pending on-site visit by Board.	Approved, pending on-site visit.
	Board reviewed school's response to maximum number of student enrollment.	No action needed.
<u>Research College of Nursing Kansas City, Mo.</u>	Request tentative approval of Park Lane Medical Center pending on-site visit by Board.	Approved, pending on-site visit.
	Request use of Menorah Medical Center and Lee's Summit Community Hospital as clinical facilities.	Approved.
	Request use of Community Mental Health Center-South and the Board of Education as ambulatory settings.	Approved.
<u>St. Louis Community College at Forest Park</u>	The Board reviewed new admission standards and requirements for nursing. The Board also reviewed the school's response to recommendations made by the Board during 5-year accreditation survey visit.	No action necessary.
<u>St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley</u>	Request use of DePaul Community Health Center as a clinical facility.	Approved, assuming receipt of cooperative agreements.
<u>St. Louis Community Colleges St. Louis, Mo.</u>	Request approval of new admission standards, curriculum, and course descriptions for all St. Louis Community Colleges' Nursing Programs.	Approved.
<u>St. Luke's Hospital St. Louis, Mo.</u>	Report of 5-year accreditation survey and clinical facilities reviewed by the Board.	Approved, with exception of Masonic Home.  Masonic Home approved with the stipulation that medication system be corrected and a follow-up status report to be reviewed at next meeting.
<u>St. Mary's of O'Fallon O'Fallon, Mo.</u>	Board reviewed school's response to recommendations made following review of 1982-83 annual report.	No action necessary.
<u>Southeast Mo. State Univ. Cape Girardeau, Mo.</u>	Request curriculum change and course approval.	Approved.
<u>Trenton Junior College Trenton, Mo.</u>	Board reviewed school's response to recommendations made following review of the 5-year accreditation survey visit.	No action necessary.
<u>University of Missouri Columbia, Mo.</u>	Request approval of Visiting Nurses Association as ambulatory setting.	Approved.

# PRACTICAL SCHOOLS

<u>Jefferson College</u> <u>Hillsboro, Mo.</u>	Report of 5-year accreditation visit and clinical facilities reviewed.	Approved with recommendations.
<u>Mexico Public Schools</u> <u>Mexico, Mo.</u>	Request use of Fulton State Hospital as clinical facility.	Approved.
<u>Mineral Area College</u> <u>Flat River, Mo.</u>	Request change in practical nurse curriculum.	Approved.
<u>Nevada AVTS</u> <u>Nevada, Mo.</u>	Re-survey of Moore-Few Nursing Home reviewed by the Board.	Approved.
<u>N.S. Hillyard</u> <u>St. Joseph, Mo.</u>	Report of 5-year accreditation survey visit and clinical facilities reviewed.	Approved.
<u>Northwest Missouri State Univ.</u> <u>Maryville, Mo.</u>	Request use of following as ambulatory settings:  (a) Andrew County Health Nurse Services (b) Jack and Jill Nursery (c) NWMSU Health Center	Jack and Jill Nursery approved for observational experiences providing there is an appropriate role model on premises.  Other facilities approved.
<u>St. Mary's of O'Fallon</u> <u>O'Fallon, Mo.</u>	Report of surveys of clinical facilities to be utilized by the new program were reviewed.	Approved.
<u>St. Mary's School of PN</u> <u>St. Louis, Mo.</u>	Report of 5-year accreditation visit and clinical facilities reviewed.	Approved.
<u>Springfield Board</u> <u>Springfield, Mo.</u>	Tentative approval given at October Board for use of St. Vincent's Hospital and Aurora Community Hospital as clinical facilities, pending survey.	Approved.
<u>Trenton Junior College</u> <u>Trenton, Mo.</u>	Request use of St. Joseph Hospital, St. Joseph, as clinical facility.	Approved.

## OTHER SCHOOL ITEMS

Apology to Nancy Carty, St. Mary's College of O'Fallon: The 9:00 a.m. agenda item for discussion scheduled for Wednesday, January 25, 1984, and published in the public agenda, was not a response to a five-year accreditation survey recommendation. It was simply a response to suggestions that had been made, based upon the school's annual report submitted to the Board in September.

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## DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS HELD AT THE JANUARY 24-27, 1984 BOARD MEETING

1. Etta Mai Henderson Cathey, R.N. #58883, Inactive 83-84, St. Peters, Mo. REVOKE, REVOCATION STAYED, SUSPENSION FOR THREE YEARS WITH CERTAIN TERMS AND CONDITIONS. In January and February, 1982, licensee misappropriated Demerol from hospital supplies and falsified hospital records, administering the Demerol to herself.
2. Karen Denise Rickerson Pressler, LPN #25786, Current 83-84, Dixon, Mo. CASE DISMISSED, NO FURTHER ACTION. In January 1983, licensee wrote additional medication order on patient's medication chart, signing a physician's name, over and above the verbal order given to licensee.
3. Joann R. Coleman, LPN #18147, Lapsed 83-84, Kansas City, Mo. REVOKE. In February and June, 1982, licensee diverted Demerol, Morphine and other controlled substances, on numerous occasions, from hospital; in December, 1982, licensee's Kansas license was revoked.
4. Emily J. Theroff, R.N. #57073, Current 83-84, Columbia, Mo. REVOKE, IMPOSITION OF REVOCATION STAYED, LICENSE PLACED ON PROBATION FOR TWO (2) YEARS WITH CERTAIN TERMS AND CONDITIONS. During the period of June 1982 and November 1982, licensee was absent from work at least 30 times when scheduled to appear.
5. Thomas Wayne Farnsworth, R.N. #90925, Lapsed 83-84, Carter, South Dakota. REVOKE. In January 1983, licensee diverted numerous quantities of Sublimaza, Inapsine, Innovar, Meperidine, Ketamine, Morphine, Cocaine and Valium from hospital employer.
6. Daniel J. Grefrath, R.N. #76051, Current 83-84, Jefferson City, Mo. REVOKE, REVOCATION STAYED, LICENSE PLACED ON PROBATION FOR TWO (2) YEARS, WITH CERTAIN TERMS AND CONDITIONS. In November, 1982, licensee diverted Tylenol #3 from a hospital and falsified patient narcotic disposition sheets.
7. Mary Jean Delancey Bledsoe, LPN #29237, Current 83-84, Kansas City, Mo. PROBATION FOR SIX (6) MONTHS. In August 1982, licensee, while off duty, diverted 3 ampules of Talwin from medication cart.



8. Tonia Hess Deren, LPN #17264, Lapsed 83-84, Bolivar, Mo. REVOKE. In October, 1982 and January 1983, licensee diverted Demerol and other controlled substances, on numerous occasions, from a hospital. Said controlled substances were diverted for her own personal use.
9. Patricia Abigail Fisher Franklin, R.N. #68861, Inactive 83-84, Belleville, IL. REVOKE. Between December 1979 and February 1980, licensee diverted Morphine Sulfate and other controlled substances from a hospital in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for her own personal use.
10. Veronica Ziegelmeier, LPN #07023, Current 83-84, St. Louis, Mo. REVOKE. In the course of litigation involving a rest home at which licensee was owner and operator, evidence revealed licensee to be lacking in basic nursing skills and unable to properly care for patients.
11. Scott Alan Fitch, R.N. #79023, Current 83-84, Decatur, IL. SUSPENDED UNTIL APRIL 1984 MEETING WITH THE BOARD. Licensee's Illinois license was placed on probation in March, 1982, for two years, because of drug addiction.
12. Brenda Carol Whiteacre Collins, LPN #18449, Current 83-84, Olathe, KS. REVOKE. In January 1983, the Kansas Board of Nursing revoked the Kansas license of Ms. Collins because of misappropriation of drugs from nursing home supply.
13. Nikki McLean, R.N. #63424, Lapsed 83-84, St. Charles, Mo. REVOKE. During the period October 1982 to February 1983, licensee diverted Tylenol #2 and #3, Valium, Tigan, Dalmane and Morphine from hospital supplies for personal use.
14. Jerry Alan Flanders, R.N. #85410, Current 83-84, Albany, Mo. REVOKE, REVOCATION STAYED, LICENSE PLACED ON PROBATION FOR THREE (3) YEARS, WITH CERTAIN TERMS AND CONDITIONS. In October 1982, licensee charged with felony of transfer of Valium and placed on three (3) years probation by the Court.
15. Ann Elaine Abrams Rosenmeyer, LPN #26515, Lapsed 82-83, Quincy, IL. REVOKE. In December, 1981, licensee became addicted to alcohol. Licensee also misappropriated Mepergan from hospital supplies, injected same to herself, falsified hospital records and administered a placebo to patients of the hospital. After attending a rehabilitation program for four weeks, licensee misappropriated Talwin from hospital supplies for self-injection.
16. Myrna Lavonne Huntington, R.N. #49947, Inactive, Memphis, TN. REVOKE. In May, 1982, the Tennessee Board of Nursing revoked Ms. Huntington's Tennessee license because of misappropriation of Demerol and subsequent self-administration, on a frequent basis.
17. Minnie Marie Winders, LPN #25295, Lapsed 83-84, Kansas City, Mo. REVOKE. During February, 1983, licensee misappropriated Demerol from hospital supplies. Licensee was placed on suspension in July 1983, effective until July, 1985.
18. Wanda Marie Moss, LPN #31777, Current 83-84, Kansas City, Mo. SUSPENDED, SUSPENSION STAYED, LICENSE PLACED ON PROBATION FOR THREE (3) YEARS, WITH CERTAIN TERMS AND CONDITIONS. In July 1982, licensee took and subsequently used a credit card belonging to another person, without the consent of the owner.

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#### BOARD OF NURSING RESPONSE TO SERMCHIEF V. GONZALES

On November 22, 1983, the Supreme Court of Missouri decided the case of Sermchief v. Gonzales which involved the scope of professional nursing in the State of Missouri. The Primary question which the court decided was whether the conduct of two registered professional nurses was within the scope of professional nursing as defined by the Missouri Nursing Practice Act. The State Board of Nursing participated in this case by submitting a "friend of the court" brief.

The Board believes that it is appropriate to respond to the Court's decision in Sermchief v. Gonzales by indicating the Board's current position with regard to the role of the registered professional nurse under the Nursing Practice Act and the Sermchief v. Gonzales decision.

In its decision, the Court stated:

Under Section 335.016.8, a nurse may be permitted to assume responsibilities heretofore not considered to be within the field of professional nursing so long as those responsibilities are consistent with her or his "specialized education, judgment and skill based on knowledge and application of principles derived from the biological, physical, social and nursing sciences".

The Board views its statement of January, 1982, as consistent with the Court's decision. The statement was:

"The Board received many requests from nurses asking if certain procedures are considered 'legal' within the framework of the Nursing Practice Act. The Nursing Practice Act definition of professional nursing was purposely written broadly to allow flexibility in nursing practice. It was neither the intention of the authors nor of the Board of Nursing to produce a 'laundry list' of procedures that would limit the scope of nursing practice. The Board takes the position that the dimensions of an individual nurse's practice should be based upon the nurse's education, knowledge, competence, interest and in consultation with nursing organizations. Practice decisions of the individual nurse shall be made in order to provide safe health services for the consumer."

The legal limit on an individual professional nurse's practice is defined by the nurse's education, knowledge and competence. An individual who is licensed as a registered professional nurse may legally practice within the full range of professional nursing regardless of whether or not the individual uses other titles which are indicative of the individual's advanced education, knowledge or experience.



The Board also believes that its previous statement regarding the responsibility of the individual nurse is consistent with the following statement of the Court:

The broadening of the field of practice of the nursing profession authorized by the legislature and here recognized by the Court carries with it the profession's responsibility for continuing high educational standards and the individual nurse's responsibility to conduct herself or himself in a professional manner. The hallmark of the professional is knowing the limits of one's personal knowledge. The nurse, either upon reaching the limit of her or his knowledge or upon reaching the limits prescribed for the nurse by the physician's standing orders and protocols, should refer the patient to the physician.

Although the Court's decision dealt only with a specific set of facts and application of those facts to the Nursing Practice Act, the Board believes that the Court's interpretation of the Nursing Practice Act applies to the practice of all registered professional nurses in this state. The Court's recognition of the expanding role of the nurse in the delivery of health services should benefit not only the two nurses who initiated the case, but all nurses who practice in Missouri, and the consumers of such health care.

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#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POSITION

The Missouri State Board of Nursing is seeking applications and nominations of qualified candidates for the position of Executive Director. Interested applicants must have: strong leadership and administrative skills; the ability to communicate with all levels of nursing and nursing education, including 38,000 R.N.'s and 17,000 L.P.N.'s and 75 schools; and experience in the legislative process and/or knowledge of State Government functions. QUALIFICATIONS: R.N. eligible for licensure in Missouri; M.S.N. or related field (M.S.N. preferred); and 5 years administrative and/or teaching in professional nursing programs. Salary and fringe benefits competitive. Send resume to: Dr. Carolyn Edison, Missouri State Board of Nursing, P.O. Box 656, Jefferson City, Missouri.

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The Missouri State Board of Nursing will be making application to the Department of Education (formerly HEW) for continued recognition as a state agency and accrediting body recognized for the approval of nurse education (professional schools only). The Missouri State Board of Nursing will be submitting this application in April of 1985 and be scheduled for a hearing in November, 1985.

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#### EXAM SCHEDULE

Date	Board Deadline	NCLEX Deadline	Sites
April 10, 1984 (PN)	February 25, 1984	February 14, 1984 Post Mark Only	Ramada Inn Jefferson City
July 10-11, 1984	May 26, 1984	May 15, 1984 Post Mark Only	University Plaza Springfield, Mo. and Cervantes Convention Ctr. St. Louis, Mo.

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Dr. Carolyn Edison, Board President, has been appointed to the Nominating Committee of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, to fill an unexpired term.

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NAME	SUMMARY OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION		ACTION	EFFECTIVE DATE
	TYPE	NUMBER		
Adams, Nancy L.	LPN	23648	Probation	7/9/82 to 7/9/85
Barker, Peggy DeAnn Bagley	RN	83986	Revoked	5/10/83
Bledsoe, Mary Jean Delancey	LPN	29237	Probation	1/30/84 to 7/30/84
Brown, Holly Lee	RN	65264	Revoked	10/20/83
Bruton, Karen Lucille Harvey	RN	59295	Revoked	7/11/83
Cage, Elizabetha	LPN	21763	Revoked	10/1/83
Campbell, Gordon Archie	LPN	26522	Revoked	1/21/83
Cathey, Etta Mai Henderson	RN	58883	Suspended	1/26/84 to 1/26/87
Clark, Jewelene Martin	LPN	18366	Revoked	5/10/83
Coleman, Joann R.	LPN	18147	Revoked	1/27/84
Collins, Brenda Carol Whiteacre	LPN	18449	Revoked	1/31/84
Crawford, Gloria J.	LPN	25303	Probation	1 Year from date renewed
Crook, Carolyn Sue Nichols	LPN	25476	Revoked	5/2/83
Deren, Tonia Hess	LPN	17264	Revoked	1/30/84
Dinkela, Angela Beth	RN	84701	Probation	7/7/83 to 7/7/84
Drury, Charlene J. Brackett	RN	84177	Probation	1/20/83 to 1/20/88
Farnsworth, Thomas Wayne	RN	90925	Revoked	1/27/84
Fernandez, Alicia Maria	LPN	30152	Revoked	1/21/83
Fields, Laurie Parker	RN	66692	Revoked	10/26/83
Fitch, Scott Alan	RN	79023	Suspended	1/30/84 to 4/2/84
Flanders, Jerry Alan	RN	85410	Probation	1/31/84 to 1/31/87
Fluharty, Sandra R.	LPN	21474	Suspended	8/20/81 to 8/20/84
Franklin, Patricia Abigail Fisher	RN	68861	Revoked	1/30/84
Grefrath, Daniel J.	RN	76051	Probation	1/30/84 to 1/30/86
Honeycutt, Inez Patricia Stewart	RN	34791	Revoked	1/20/83
Huntington, Myrna Lavonne	RN	49947	Revoked	1/31/84
Jackson, Margy Nell	LPN	13950	Probation	10/7/81 to 10/7/84, extended to 10/7/86
LeBeau, Cherie Ann	LPN	27234	Revoked	1/17/83
Lemmons, Susan Giles	RN	69723	Probation	4/7/82 to 4/7/85
Lock, Marybelle Henrietta	RN	34060	Revoked	1/20/83
Lucas, Mark Aymer	RN	63200	Revoked	5/2/83
Lupardus, Debbie Swanson	LPN	23784	Probation	5/2/83 to 5/2/86
Marco, Anita Dodge	RN	20222	Revoked	1/21/83
Mauler, Rebecca Butler	RN	46202	Probation	1/21/83 to 1/21/85
Melchert, Wilma W.	RN	44073	Revoked	10/17/83
Modelevsky, Denise Campbell	RN	64381	Revoked	7/6/83
Morris, Gail Louise	RN	73636	Voluntary Surrender	9/5/81
			Refused Renewal	5/6/83
Moss, Wanda Marie	LPN	31777	Probation	1/31/84 to 1/31/87
McLean, Nikki	RN	63424	Revoked	1/31/84
Ostrowski, Mary Elizabeth	RN	61471	Revoked	7/22/83
Owens, Betty Ellen	LPN	19852	Probation	10/7/81 to 10/7/86
Peery, Carolyn Scallet	LPN	29502	Probation	10/8/82 to 10/8/84
Presley, Otis Eugene	RN	71128	Revoked	10/17/83
Riddle, Sherley Delores	LPN	9352	Probation	10/7/81 to 10/7/84
Ries, Sharon Hellmer	RN	69591	Probation	7/9/82 to 7/9/85
Roof, Melvin Curtis	RN	71549	Revoked	7/7/83
Rosenmeyer, Ann Elaine Abrams	LPN	26515	Revoked	1/31/84
Russell, Lavena Pearl	LPN	26824	Probation	10/20/83 to 10/20/84
St. Onge, Jan	RN	47681	Revoked	10/20/83
Salts, Linda Jane Fecht	RN	45424	Revoked	5/2/83
Samenus, Rebecca Budine	RN	79549	Probation	4/30/82 to 4/30/85
Scheetz, Susan Joan	RN	85166	Revoked	7/22/83
Shannon, Mary Elizabeth Pfefferkorn	LPN	18731	Revoked	5/2/83
Smith, Irene Haywood Roland	RN	62197	Probation	10/7/82 to 10/7/84
Snyder, Jana Oppenheimer	RN	71494	Probation	1/21/83 to 1/21/85
Stone, Linda Ann	RN	84405	Revoked	10/26/83
Theroff, Emily J.	RN	57073	Probation	1/27/84 to 1/27/86
VanBrunt, Sally Ann	RN	77035	Revoked	10/20/83
Whitener, Eva Jean	LPN	12871	Probation	10/17/83 to 10/17/86
Williams, Amy Elizabeth	LPN	23799	Suspended	2/28/79 to 2/28/83
			Do Not Renew	5/6/83
Winders, Minnie Marie	LPN	25295	Revoked	1/31/84
Ziegelmeier, Veronica	LPN	7023	Revoked	1/30/84



## RULES AND REGULATIONS

### 4 CSR 200-4.010 Fees

PURPOSE: This rule establishes and fixes the various fees and charges authorized by chapter 335, RSMo (Supp. 1981)

(1) The following Fees are hereby established by the State Board of Nursing:

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| (A) Examination Fee - Registered Professional Nurse | \$ 15.00 |
| (B) Examination Fee - Licensed Practical Nurse      | \$ 10.00 |

Note: This rule change will become effective March 11, 1984.

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